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**EVERETT WOMAN HELD ON \$25,000 CASH BAIL IN
PARENTAL KIDNAP OF TWO CHILDREN**

BROCKTON – An Everett woman is being held on \$25,000 cash bail after impersonating a police officer and using pepper spray to kidnap her two children from their father's Abington apartment, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Bruna Gomes of Everett (DOB: 04/05/82) was arraigned in Brockton District Court on two counts of Parental Kidnapping and one count each of Impersonating a Police Officer, Home Invasion, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (Pepper Spray) and Reckless Endangerment of a Child. The Commonwealth requested and Judge Ronald Moynahan agreed to hold Gomes on \$25,000 cash bail.

At 10:30 am Thursday, the children's father reported to Abington Police that his two children, ages 7 and 8, had been taken by their mother, Brunna Gomes. Further investigation revealed that while a friend was watching the children, Gomes showed up at the Abington apartment, knocked on the door and identified herself as an Abington Police officer. When the friend answered the door, Gomes allegedly pushed her way into the apartment and used pepper spray. She took the children and fled the apartment in a vehicle.

At approximately 1:50 pm Thursday, Yarmouth Police first spotted the blue minivan Gomes was driving in traffic in Yarmouth. A short time later, a tipspter reported seeing the vehicle parked in a lot at the EconoLodge in West Yarmouth. Police took Gomes into custody and transported her back to Abington Police Department and the children were reunited with their father.

In addition to the cash bail, the court imposed conditions that Gomes comply with the state Department of Children and Families and that she surrender her passport. Gomes must also stay away from 94 Walnut Street in Abington and stay away from the Abington man who had been caring for the children when Gomes allegedly sprayed the pepper spray.

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The case was investigated by Abington Police and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigations. Assistant District Attorney Jason Thomas handled the case for the Commonwealth.

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